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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CHIEF KAPUUNO AT COMMONWEALTH MEETING

REF: A) LONDON 6439 ; B) CAPETOWN 515

1. APPEARANCE AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE OF CHIEF KAPUUNO OF NATIONAL CONVENTION OF NAMIBIA (NCN) AND MR. JAMES ENDICOTT, NCN REP IN UK, STIRRED CONSIDERABLE LOCAL MEDIA INTEREST, WHICH INITIALLY FOCUSED ON TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW THE CHIEF WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN A JAMAICAN VISA IN NEW BIRK AFTER HAVING BEEN REFUSED ONE IN LONDON

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2. KAPUUNO'S CLAIM THAT HE WAS IN JAMAICA TO MEET WITH

PRESIDENT SERETSE KHAMA WAS DESCRIBED AS "FALSE" BY A BOTSWANA DELEGATION SPOKESMAN, WHO SAID KAPUUNO HAD APPROACHED THE BOTSWANA DELEGATION IN LONDON SAYING HE WOULD COINCIDENTALLY BE IN JAMAICA AT THE TIME OF THE CONFERENCE AND REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. "IT IS NOT TRUE WHEN HE SAYS HE HAS COME ALL THIS WAY TO MEET THE PRESIDENT" THE SPOKESMAN ADDED. WHATEVER THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER, THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHIEF DID NOT MEET IN KINGSTON. WHILE THERE WERE THREATS THAT THE CHIEF WOULD BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR HAVING OBTAINED A VISA UNDER FALSE PRETENCES, IN THE END HE WAS ALLOWED TO STAY UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE VISA'S 7-DAY VALIDITY

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KAPUUNO WAS NOT ABLE TO SEE PRESIDENT SERETSE KHAMA OR FORMALLY CIRCULATE HIS NCN MEMO TO THE CONFERENCE, HE DID HAVE SOME SUCCESS. THE VISA CONTROVERSY LED TO SEVERAL INTERVIEWS WITH THE LOCAL PRESS AND TELEVISION, INTO WHICH HE WAS ABLE TO INJECT HIS NCN MESSAGE. ADDITIONALLY, HIS MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE (COPY POUNCHED DEPARTMENT) HAD AN EXTENSIVE INFORMAL DISTRIBUTION. AS THINGS TURNED OUT, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE, KAPUUNO WAS MUCH MORE PROMINENT AT THE KINGSTON MEETING THAN SWAPO REPRESENTATIVE PETER KATJAVIVIA. GERARD

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